

**MRS. STEVENSON  
DIES AT AGE OF 74**

Was Scientist, Author, Society Leader and 'Peggy Shippen,' of the Public Ledger

WILL HAVE MET FOCH TODAY

Mrs. Cornelia Stevenson, noted archeologist and author, officer of the Legion of Honor and holder of the Service Medal of the National Institute of Social Sciences, and the 'Peggy Shippen' of the Public Ledger staff, died at her home, 237 South Twenty-first street, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The cause of her death was cerebral meningitis following upon serious digestive complications of long duration. Mrs. Stevenson was conscious until within an hour of her death. In the morning she asked for her mail and wished to write a letter in French, supposedly a letter to Marshal Foch, who she thought had thought a great deal about the coming of Marshal Foch, and she was to have sat next to the French soldier at tonight's banquet in his honor.

Mrs. Stevenson's career was most remarkable. Few women of her day were recipients of so many honors. Her career and her interests were international.

In the latest period of her career she became literary editor of the *Evening Ledger*, in 1908, and in addition book reviews, she wrote the famous 'Peggy Shippen' which gave her the pen name that became known far beyond the confines of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Stevenson would have celebrated her seventy-fourth birthday next month. On several former birthday anniversaries the occasion had been made an occasion of general observance, accompanied by an outpouring of men and women who delighted in knowing her. On her twentieth birthday anniversary a portrait of Mrs. Stevenson by Leopoldo was presented to the University museum.

Her interest covered many fields and led her into many countries. In Philadelphia she occupied a position of education and esteem, of honor and love. She was a Philadelphian and her family had old Philadelphia connections.

Mrs. Stevenson was born in Paris, her maiden name was Sara Yorke, and she was the daughter of Edward and Sara Hann Yorke. She received her education in Paris, at the Cours Lavoisier and the Institut Descuriet, from which she went to her two brothers in Paris, in 1862, at the time of Maximilian's unhappy imperial experiment, and there she lived until 1867. In 1869 her reminiscences of those years are published under the title 'Maximilian in Mexico.' She was married to Cornelia Stevenson, of Philadelphia, June 30, 1870.

Her interest in archeology from her childhood had been intense, and in 1880, with the aid of Dr. Daniel Gannett and others, she formed the Archeological Association, which in 1894, through Dr. William Pepper's suggestion, became the Department of Archeology of the University of Pennsylvania.

At first curator of its Egyptian and Mediterranean sections, Mrs. Stevenson became especially secretary and president of the department, and was elected the sole woman member of the Oriental Club. She was also one of two women members of the American Philosophical Society. In 1892, at the time of the Peabody Museum of Harvard, she was the first woman whose name appeared in a connection on the official calendar of that university.

The University of Pennsylvania made Mrs. Stevenson a doctor of science in 1904—the first honorary degree it had bestowed upon a woman—and later the same University made her a doctor of letters.

Hand in hand with Dr. Pepper, Mrs. Stevenson successfully labored to raise and—by the amount of \$300,000—to build the first section of the University Museum, which was opened to the public in 1899. When, two years before, resident McKinley came to the city to open the Commercial Museum, Mrs.

**Noted Woman Dies**



MRS. CORNELIA STEVENSON  
Author, scientist, patriotic worker and society leader, who passed away at her home, 237 South Twenty-first street

Stevenson headed the committee to welcome the women of his party. She held similar positions, in recognition of her rare social aptitude and tact, upon the committees for the International Congress and the International Congress of Navigation. She had the high honor of being made vice-president of the jury for ethnology at Chicago in 1903.

Mrs. Stevenson's growing concern for matters archeological took her on a special mission to Rome for the University in 1897 and to Egypt to plan research in the Nile Valley in the year following. But she did not for a moment forget the welfare of her own community at home. In 1894 she became president of the Civic Club and was re-elected for as long a time as she would consent to hold office, her influence in this connection becoming particularly and for humanity in general in the World War. As vice chairman of the Emergency Aid and chairman of the French War Relief Committee from the early days of 1915 until April, 1920, she helped France not merely through the effort, with many devoted co-workers, to raise \$1,500,000, but with supplies of medical and surgical outfits, ambulances and clothing.

The Ministry of Public Instruction of France made Mrs. Stevenson officer of public instruction—an event fittingly celebrated by the Emergency Aid through a reception at which an inscribed silver bowl was presented. Then came also from France the Red Cross Medal, the 'Medaille de Reconnaissance' and (a crowning honor) the appointment, as 'Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur.'

In view of the achievements and distinguished services thus recognized abroad and at home, the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences bestowed upon Mrs. Stevenson its Patriotic Service Medal, with a glowing letter, which she prized as among the most notable tributes ever paid her.

The record of her services is by no means complete when it is added that her pioneer service for woman suffrage was heroic. She was president of the Pennsylvania Equal Suffrage Society for a time, and never ceased to use pen and tongue for the cause.

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One of her most beloved possessions, for what it meant to her in its exalted and her spirit, was the bronze bas-relief, the work of R. Tait McKenzie, presented to her on her last birthday. At the meeting held at the Art Alliance for

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Mrs. Stevenson in her immediate family is survived by her husband and her son, Cornelius Stevenson, her husband, in the Jefferson Hospital recovering from a serious injury sustained several months ago when he was run over by a taxicab.

The son, W. York Stevenson, also survived first of the French and then of the A. E. F. in France, and then volumes of his war experience, edited by Mrs. Stevenson, have enjoyed a wide circulation. Mrs. York Stevenson has been in California and is now on her way East.

Other close relatives are Mrs. Frederick Thurston Mason and Mrs. John H. Easby sisters of Mr. Stevenson. A son of Mrs. Easby, M. Stevenson Easby, married Miss Henrietta M. Large. The funeral is to be in the First Unitarian Church, at Twenty-second and Chestnut streets, on Thursday at 12:30.

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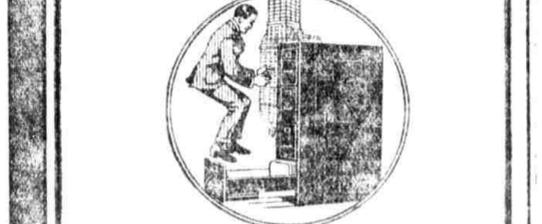
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